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In re Application of :
Suresh C. Gupta et al :
Application No. 09/840,572 : DECISION GRANTING
Filed: April 23, 2001 :STATUS UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)
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This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed July 23, 2001.

The petition is granted.

Petitioner has shown that the nonsigning inventor has refused to join in the filing of the above-identified application.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status. As provided in Rule 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the nonsigning inventor at the address given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-8680.

This application is being forwarded to Technology Center AU 2834 for appropriate action on the reply received June 11, 2002.

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